Mr. K. J. Antony.—That is what I ask. Whether he has got in his own name landed property in Cochin?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I cannot give the information now.

Transfer of a peon in the P. W. D.

115. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a copy of the petition submitted by peon A. J. Michael praying for a transfer from the P. W. D. Northern Division?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—No. Government consider that no useful purpose will be served by doing so.

Peon Chathu Nayar of the P. W. D.

116. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. (a) whether peon Chathu Nayar of the P. W. D., Northern Division, is made to drive the car of the Assistant Engineer, Northern Division, and (b) as such whether his services as peon are lost to the Department;

2. (2) whether peon Chathu Nayar is permitted to claim the travelling allowance by train from Vadakkancheri to Palghat and the daily allowance from Palghat to Chittur when he drives the car for the Assistant Engineer, Northern Division, from Vadakkancheri to Chittur on official business and (b) if so, why he is allowed to do so while the Assistant Engineer himself claims only mileage for such trips?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—1. (a) Yes.

(b) No.

2. (a) Yes.

(b) The Assistant Engineer does not claim mileage for such trips but only trainage and daily allowance. The forepart of the question does not therefore arise.

117. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly state:—

(1) when did the Assistant Engineer, Northern Division, go to Madras last on official duty and whether he took his peon Chathu Nayar with him to Madras then;

(2) whether Chathu Nayar was allowed to draw in advance a sum of Rs. 20 towards his T. A. to go to Madras along with the Assistant Engineer and whether he actually went to Madras;

(3) if Chathu Nayar (peon) did not go to Madras, was the amount of Rs. 20 returned by him at once to the Government; and if not, why not;

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(4) whether this sum of Rs. 20 given in advance to Chathu Nayar was realised by the Government and if so, when and how ;

(5) did the Assistant Engineer, Northern Division, once recommend that the T. A. may be given to Chathu Nayar even though the latter did not perform the journey to Madras ?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(1) In Chingam 1102. No.

(2) No.

Vide reply to (1) above.

(3) and (4) The questions do not arise in view of reply to (2) above.

(5) No.

Hindu staff quarters at Vadakkancheri.

118. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly state:—

(1) whether the use of the Hindu staff quarters at Vadakkancheri was sanctioned for lodging a marriage party of the Assistant Engineer, Northern Division; and if so, under what terms;

(2) whether the marriage party was lodged at the Hindu staff quarters at Vadakkancheri; and if so, for how many days and what amount was paid to the Government per terms?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—

(1) Yes, on payment of usual fees.

(2) The answer to the former part of the question is in the negative.

No reply is necessary for the latter.

Revised Cochin Canal Rules.

119. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether according to clauses Nos. 4, 5 and 6 of the revised Cochin Canal Rules published on pages 676 and 677 of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 19th May 1928, any taxation or imposts are to be levied upon vessels that were not liable to such imposts or taxation prior to it;

(b) if any vessels come under it, will the Government be pleased to state the nature of such vessels;

(c) whether any one has protested against this fresh levy of canal dues;

(d) if so, will the Government be pleased to state the names of the parties that have so protested and the nature of their protests?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(a) Yes.

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